CLARK, Mayor.

RULES, ORDERS,

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ORDINANCES,

To commence and take place from the 1st Day of November, 1785; *made, framed, and set down in Writing, by the Court of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* London, *the 4th Day of October*, 1785; *for the Governing and Regulating all Persons who shall fish or drudge in the River of* Thames, *and also in the Waters of* Medway, *within the Jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor of the said City of London, as Conservator of the said River of* Thames *and Waters of* Medway, *as common Fishermen or Drudgemen, or otherwise: And for Declaration in what Manner they shall demean themselves in Fishing; and with what Manner of Nets and Engines; and at what Times and Seasons they shall*

uſe Fiſhing in the ſaid River and Waters of Medway, *within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid: And for aſcertaining the Aſſize of the ſeveral Fiſh to be there taken: And for the Preſervation, from Time to Time, of the Spawn and Fry of Fiſh in the ſaid River and Waters within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid: And for obliging every Common Fiſherman, Drudgerman, or other Perſon, who ſhall fiſh with a Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, from and after the ſaid 1ſt Day of* November, 1785, *in the ſaid River of* Thames, *or in the ſaid Waters of* Medway, *within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, to have in his Boat, Veſſel, or Craft both his Chriſtian and Sirname, and alſo the Name of the Pariſh or Place in which he dwelleth, painted in legible and large Characters, in ſome convenient Place, where any one may ſee and read the ſame; and for preventing ſuch Name, or Mark of Diſtinction, from being changed, altered, or defaced: With*

With reaſonable Penalties annexed for Breach of ſuch Rules, Orders, or Ordinances, in purſuance of the Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the 30*th Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King* George *the* 2*d, intituled,* An Act for the more effectual Preſervation and Improvement of the Spawn and Fry of Fiſh in the River of *Thames*, and Waters of *Medway*, and for the better Regulating the Fiſhery thereof.

IMPRIMIS, That all unlawful Nets and Engines, and other Abuſes offered to the Prejudice and Deſtruction of the *Fiſhery* may be diſcovered, It is ordained by the ſaid Court, That no Perſon ſhall ſtall the Tide of Flood, and that no Perſon ſhall fiſh or endeavour to take Fiſh in the ſaid River of *Thames*, between *London Bridge*, and *Richmond Bridge*, with any Sort of Net, other than and except,

For *Salmon* with a Net of not leſs than ſix Inches in the *Meſh*.

For *Pike*, *Jack*, *Pearch*, *Roach*, *Chub*, and *Barbel*, with a *Flew* or *Stream-Net* of not leſs than three

three Inches in the *Meſh* throughout, with a facing of ſeven Inches, and not more than ſixteen Fathom long.

For *Shads*, with a Net of not leſs than two Inches and a Half in the *Meſh*.

For *Flounders*, with a Net of not leſs than two Inches and a Half in the *Meſh*, and not more than ſixteen Fathom long.

For *Dace*, with a ſingle *Blay-Net*, of not leſs than two Inches in the *Meſh*, and not more than thirteen Fathom long, to be worked by *Fleeting* only with a *Boat* and a *Buoy*.

For *Smelts*, with a Net of not leſs than one Inch and a Quarter in the *Meſh*, and not of greater length than ſixteen Fathom, to be worked by *Fleeting* only with a *Boat* and *Buoy*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying the Sum of *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

2. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall lie, or bend over, any Net whatſoever, during the Time of Flood, whereby any Kind of Fiſh may be hindered or kept back from ſwimming upwards, for the Benefit and Profit of ſuch *Fiſhermen* as dwell above *London-Bridge*, in the

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Weſt Part of the ſaid River, under Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

3. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall ſhoot or place any *Draw-Net*, *Cod-Net*, or other Net or Engine, in the ſaid River *Thames*, to catch *Salmon* with, or ſhall uſe any Net or Deviſe, to catch *Salmon* in the ſaid River of *Thames*, except only with a Net, of full ſix Inches in the *Meſh*, and that no Perſon ſhall wilfully do, or commit, or cauſe to be done, or committed, any Act whatſoever, in the ſaid River *Thames*, whereby any *Spawn* or ſmall *Fry* of *Salmon* ſhall be taken, killed, or deſtroyed, or whereby any *Salmon* ſhall be hindred from paſſing or going up the ſaid River *Thames* to ſpawn, upon the Penalty of forfeiting *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

4. *Item*, That no Perſon, between the 10th Day of *September*, and the 25th Day of *January*, in every Year, ſhall fiſh in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, for *Salmon*, with any Net, or Nets, Engine or Device; or within that Time take, kill, or deſtroy in the ſaid River, or Waters of *Medway*, *Salmon* of any Kind or Sort whatſoever; or

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ſell, or offer to or for Sale, *Salmon* of any Kind or Sort whatſoever, taken in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

5. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh with any Net, or lay or haul any Weel, or lay or uſe any Net, Engine, or Device whatſoever, to take fiſh in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, from Sun-ſetting on *Saturday* Night, until Sun-riſing on *Monday* Morning, at any Time of the Year, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

6. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall, at any Time, ſhip their *Draw-Nets*, called *Shipping a Stern into their Boats*, before ſuch Time as they have laid forth all their whole Net, as they do when they land towards a low Water; nor ſhall they ſhip ſome Part of their ſaid Net, and land the Reſt, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

7. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall uſe any Spear called an *Eel-Spear*, or uſe or work on the River *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, at any Time of the Year, any *Blay-Net*, for

for catching any Kind of Fiſh, either Ebb or by Flood, which hath any *Meſh* of leſs Size than two Inches at leaſt, and of no greater length than thirteen Fathom; and that no *Blay-Net* ſhall be worked or uſed on the ſaid River *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, at any other Time of the Year, than between the 1ſt Day of *July* and the 1ſt Day of *March* in every Year; and that no Perſon ſhall fleet with any *Blay-Net*, not being of the Breadth in the *Meſh*, hereby directed; but that no ſuch *Blay-Net*, ſhall at any Time of the Year be brought or uſed Weſtward of *Richmond Bridge*, on the ſaid River, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

8. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall after the 1ſt Day of *November*, 1785, carry or uſe any *Smelt-Net* on the ſaid River of *Thames*, other than and except Weſtward of *Purfleet*, with a *Fleeting-Net* of not leſs than one Inch and a Quarter in the *Meſh*, and of no greater length than Sixteen Fathom, between the 25th Day of *March*, and the 1ſt Day of *May*, and Eaſtward of *Purfleet*, with a *Drag-Net* of not leſs than One Inch and a Quarter in the *Meſh*, to be uſed only between the 1ſt Day of *November*, and the 25th Day of *March*, and after the ſaid 25th

Day of *March*, the *Drag-Nets* to be delivered into the Custody of the *Water-Bailiff*, for the Time being, under the Penalty of *Five Pounds*.

9. *Item*, That no Person shall have, or use, within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, any *Double Walled Net*, for catching any Sort of Fish, nor any *Flew* or *Stream-Net*, for catching any Sort of Fish, between *London* and *Richmond Bridges*, which shall have any *Mesh* of less size than three Inches at least, except a *Shad-Net* of two Inches and a Half in the *Mesh*, a *Flounder Net* of two Inches and a Half in the *Mesh*, a *Dace Fleeting Net* of two Inches in the *Mesh*, and a *Smelt Fleeting-Net* of one Inch and a Quarter in the *Mesh*, which said several *Nets* are to be worked only in their respective Seasons and Places, nor any Sort of *Net* for catching Fish Eastward of *London Bridge*, of less size than two Inches and three Quarters in the *Mesh*, except *Smelt Drags*, to be worked only Eastward of *Purfleet*, and *Smelt Fleeting-Nets* Westward of *Purfleet*, and in their Seasons, and that no Person shall have, keep, or use within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, any *Trammell* or *Hood-Net* whatsoever for catching of Fish, not being three Inches at the least in the *Mesh*, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every such Offence.

10. *Item*,

10. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall lay, ſet, or place any Weels, except *Greg-Weels* in the River *Thames*, between the 1ſt Day of *March* and the 1ſt Day of *July* yearly, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

11. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall uſe any Weels, called a *Lomb*, or *Mill-Pot*, or any other Device or Engine, with the Head thereof againſt the Stream in the ſaid River *Thames* or Waters of *Medway*, except only the Head Weels in the Fiſhing Stops, and that no Perſon ſhall uſe, or have in his Poſſeſſion any *Net* called a *Purſe-Net*, or *Caſting-Net*, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

12. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh with any Kind of *Net*, or uſe any Angle Rod with more than two Hooks upon a Line, or ſaw or ſcratch for *Barbel*, or uſe any Engine or Device for taking Fiſh nearer unto *London-Bridge* than *Botolph-Wharf*, and the *Bridge-Houſe Wharf*, on the Eaſt Side; or nearer unto the Weſt-Side than *St. Mary Overy's Stairs*, and the *Old Swan*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Ten Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

13. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh or work for *Smelts*, upon, or in the River of *Thames* Weſtward of *London-Bridge*, with a Net of leſs Size than one Inch and a Quarter in the *Meſh*, nor further Weſtward in the ſaid River than *Richmond-Bridge*, with any Manner of Net: And that no Perſon ſhall fiſh or work for *Gudgeons* Weſtward of *Richmond-Bridge* in the ſaid River, except by Angling or by Weels, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

14. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall at any Time of the Year take the Tides, or *Pouſe*, or uſe, or have in his Poſſeſſion any *Pouſing Net*, upon the River *Thames*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

15. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall take at any Time of the Year any Sort of Fiſh which are uſually called *Kettle-Fiſh*, nor any Sort of Fiſh, uſually called *White-Bait*, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence; it appearing to this Court that under Pretence of taking *White-Bait*, the ſmall Fry of various Species of Fiſh are deſtroyed.

16. *Item*,

16. *Item*, That no Net under the Aſſize of three Inches in the *Meſh*, ſhall be worked or wrought by any Perſon at any Time of the Year above *Richmond-Bridge* upon the River of *Thames*; and that no Perſon ſhall uſe any Net in the Work of Fiſhing called *Beating of the Buſh*, *Flag* or *Reed*, which ſhall be of leſs Size than three Inches in the *Meſh*, or ſhall uſe or load their Nets with any Stones, Lead, Iron, Bricks, or other Things, than the Lead which is uſually put upon the ſame to ſink them, under the Penalty to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

17. *Item*, That no Net, Engine, or Device, ſhall be wrought or drawn over the Weeds, for catching of *Pikes*, or other Fiſh by any Perſon, under the Penalty to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

18. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall bend any Net by Anchors, or otherwiſe thwart the Channel, or draw any other Net, Engine or Device, into, upon, or near it, or uſe any Net with any falſe or double Bottom, Cod or Pouch, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

19. *Item*, That no Weel called a *Kill*, or a *Spert*, or any other Engine, except *Greg*

Weels, ſhall be laid, ſet, or placed in any Lane or Channel, Stop or Gull, upon the River of *Thames*, between the 1ſt Day of *March*, and the 1ſt Day of *July*, in any Year, upon the Penalty to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

20. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh, or attempt to take Fiſh, with any Sort of Net in the Night-Time, or before Sun-riſing or after Sun-ſetting, at any Time of the Year in the ſaid River *Thames*, between *Richmond Bridge*, and the City of *London*'s Mark-Stone, above *Staines-Bridge*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

21. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall uſe any *Draw-Net*, or draw any Net, although of legal ſize, or *Meſh* upon, before, or after any other Net or Nets; and that no Perſon ſhall land or Ship into any Boat on Shore, any Net in any Part of the ſaid River, Weſtward of *Richmond-Bridge*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

22. *Item*, That *Shads* ſhall only be taken in the ſaid River of *Thames*, Weſtwards of *London-Bridge*, with a *Drag*, or *Drove-Nets*,

Nets, and Eaſtwards of *London-Bridge*, with ſingle Nets, or *Drag* or *Drove-Nets*; and that every ſingle Net, and *Drag-Net*, ſhall be two Inches and a Half at leaſt in the *Meſh*, and that every *Drove-Net* ſhall be three Inches and a Half in the *Meſh* at leaſt, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

23. *Item*, That the reſpective Times and Seaſons for Perſons going forth to fiſh, and taking Fiſh in the ſaid River of *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*, ſhall from Time to Time, be obſerved by them, and be as follows, *that is to ſay*,

Flounders Shall be taken all the Year (except between *Hall-Haven* on the *Eſſex* Shore, and *Fiſh-neſſe* on the *Kentiſh* Shore in the River of *Thames*, and the *City Stone* in the Waters of *Medway*, between the 21ſt Day of *December*, and the 21ſt of *February* in every Year.)

Smelts Shall be only taken Eaſtward of *Purfleet*, from the 1ſt Day of *November*, to the

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25th Day of *March*; and Weſtward of *Purfleet*, from the 25th Day of *March*, to the 1ſt Day of *May*, in every Year.

Shads Shall be only taken from the 10th Day of *May* to the 30th Day of *June* in every Year.

Salmon Shall be only taken from the 25th Day of *January* to the 10th Day of *September* yearly.

Trout Shall only be taken from the 25th Day of *January* to the 10th Day of *September* yearly.

Pike, Jack, Pearch, Roach, Dace, Chub, Barbel and Gudgeons. Shall be only taken between the 1ſt Day of *July* and the 1ſt Day of *March* in every Year except ſuch as ſhall be taken in the Month of *June* by Angling.

Leaps and Rods for Eels Shall be laid only from the 21ſt Day of *April* to the 30th Day of *October* yearly.

Lamperns

Lamperns Shall be only taken from the 24th Day of *Auguſt* to 30th Day of *March* yearly.

Whitings Shall be only taken from *Michaelmas* Day yearly to *Ember Week*.

White Shrimps Shall be only taken from the 24th Day of *Auguſt* yearly to the 25th Day of *March*.

Red Shrimps Shall be taken in the River *Medway* only, and that from the 25th Day of *April* yearly to the 1ſt Day of *July*.

Buntings Shall only be taken from the 1ſt Day of *September* yearly to the 1ſt Day of *April*.

Hookermen May Hook for *Eels* all the Year.

Stow Boats *Trawlermen*, *Trinkermen*, *Hobbermen*, *Draggermen* and *Bandingmen*, may lay Leaps for *Eels* and *Smelts*, during the Time and in the Seaſon hereby allowed for taking ſuch Fiſh reſpectively.

And any Perſon who ſhall catch any Fiſh within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, in any other Seaſon of the Year, or in any other Manner, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

24. *Item*, That no Fiſh of any of the Sorts or Kinds herein after mentioned, ſhall be caught in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, or ſold, or expoſed to or for Sale, if caught in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, of leſs Weight or Size than herein after is ſpecified, *that is to ſay*,

No *Salmon* of leſs Weight than ſix Pounds,

No *Trout* of leſs Weight than one Pound,

No *Pike* or *Jack* under twelve Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Pearch* under eight Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Flounder* under ſeven Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Sole* under ſeven Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

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No *Plaice* or *Dab*, under ſeven Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Roach*, under eight Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Dace*, under ſix Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Smelt*, under ſix Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Gudgeon*, under five Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Whiting*, under eight Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Barbel*, under twelve Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail,

No *Chub*, under nine Inches long, from the Eye to the End of the Tail, under Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

25. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall in any wiſe uſe or practice *Trinking*, *Stow-boating*, *Trawling*, or catching of any Fiſh or Bait, in the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of

Medway, on any *Lord's Day*, commonly called *Sunday*, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying for every ſuch Offence, *Forty Shillings*.

26. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall have, uſe, or employ any *Trawl-Net*, that ſhall not be three Inches at the Head, and two Inches and a Half at the Cod; and that all Nets already made ſhall be taken off at threeſcore *Meſh*, and knit down to two Inches and a Half, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

27. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall begin to fiſh, or work upon any *Trayle*, before the 6th Day of *October* yearly, or ſhall fiſh or work upon any *Trayle*, after the 30th Day of *March* in any Year, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

28. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing any Seaſon in buying and ſelling of Fiſh, ſhall put out his Flag before he hath bought, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

29. *Item*, That no Net ſhall be drawn by any Perſon between two Boats, except *Salmon-Nets*, and *Flew* or *Stream-Nets* of the Dimenſions before deſcribed; but that no ſuch *Salmon-Net*, ſhall at any Time of the Year be wrought or worked in any Gull

or Stream of the River, and the *Stream-Nets*, to be uſed Weſtward of *Richmond Bridge*, only from the 1ſt Day of *July*, to the 1ſt Day of *March* in every Year; and not to be loaded with more than the uſual Weight of Lead to ſink them, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

30. *Item*, That no *Trinke* ſhall ſtand for *Smelts*, between the 1ſt Day of *May*, and the 31ſt Day of *October* yearly, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds*.

31. *Item*, That no *Trinke* of any Perſon, ſhall ſtand to fiſh for *Smelts* longer than from *Monday* Morning until *Friday* Night, weekly, unleſs it be in *Lent Time*, and then to ſtand every Day, (except the *Lord's Day*, commonly called *Sunday*,) upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

32. *Item*, That every *Trinke* ſhall keep its true Complement, and ſtand in the ſeveral Places and Manner hereafter directed; and that no *Trinke* of any Perſon ſhall ſtand in any Birth, or Turn, or more at any Place than is hereafter allowed, *that is to ſay*,

At *Black-Wall Ferry*, Two abreaſt, afront, and no more,

At *Leigh Shelpe*, Two, and no more,

At *Woolwich Shelpe*, Two, and no more,

At *Woolwich Town*, Five, and no more,

At *Gallion's Naſſe*, Three, and no more,

At *Buſwards Buſh*, Five, and no more,

At the Eaſt and Weſt-End of *Barking-Shelpe*, Two at each Place, and no more,

At *Daggenham Shelpe*, Six, and no more,

At *Careck*, Four, and no more,

At *Julian Tree Jobb*, Three, and no more,

At *Dartford Jobb*, Three, and no more,

At the *Bite* at *Eaſt Naſſe*, Three and no more,

At *Stakes*, *Fleet Naſſe*, alias *Stakes-End*, Five, and no more,

At *Avely Hold*, Five, and no more,

At *Purfleet*, Five, and no more,

At *Gray Thorocke*, Six, and no more,

At the *Two Thoroughs*, Three and no more,
upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

33. *Item*, That no Owner or Worker of any *Trinke*, ſhall ſtand to fiſh with his *Trinke*, or ſuffer his *Trinke*, or any Perſon therein, to fiſh for *Whitings*, at any other Seaſon than herein before is appointed or allowed, or ſhall come higher than *Purfleet*; and that the Hoſe of the Cod of every one of the Nets, which ſhall be uſed by or in any ſuch *Trinke*, ſhall be a full Inch and a Half wide; and that the Owner or Worker of every ſuch *Trinke*, ſhall, upon every *Saturday* at the Sun-riſing at the fartheſt, waſh off his Net, haul up, and not return to his Labour till *Monday* Morning at Day-light; and that no Owner or Worker of any *Trinke*, ſtand to fiſh, or be allowed to fiſh, before any Breach Mouth, at the riſing or ſinking of any *Mother Fiſhes*, or in the Time of Spawn, or Brood of fiſh; and that the Owner or Worker of every *Trinke*, ſhall at all Times and Seaſons take up, and carry away, the Anchors belonging to ſuch *Trinke*, at the Time of his leaving off

off fiſhing; and not leave any of his Anchors behind him, to keep his Birth, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

34. *Item*, That the Owner of every *Trinke*, ſhall in every dark and foggy Night hang forth, out of his ſaid *Trinke-Boat*, one Lanthorn, with a ſufficient Candle Light, for the better and ſafer Paſſage of Ships, Boats, and Veſſels paſſing to and fro; and that the *Trinke Cable* of every *Trinke* ſhall be no more than Twenty-five Fathom long, at the moſt, and none of their *Henbuilt* ſhall be above Twenty-five Fathom long, and every Warp ſhall be Sixty Fathom long; and no more, to ſheer off, and give Way, if any Ship, Crayer, or other Veſſel, ſhall chance to drive upon them, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

35. *Item*, That no Perſon being a *Hebberman*, ſhall put down his Net in Time of Flood; or draw the Shores, or uſe any *Hood-Net*, or draw one Net into another, or fiſh in any Haven, Creek, Breach or Iſſue, with any Net of leſſer Size than two Inches and three Quarters in the *Meſh*, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

36. *Item*, That every *Hebber-Net* ſhall be without *Hoſe*; and that every *Hebberman* ſhall fiſh by the Shore, and pitch his two Anchors, one at half Ebb, and the other in the Stream; and ſhall have but fifty Fathom Rope allowed for the Pitch of his Anchors, in the River; and that no *Hebberman* ſhall lie a floating or flatting for *Smelts*, or other Fiſh, between two Anchors, in the Midſt of the Stream, or ſhall have any Kind of Weight, of Lead, Iron, Stone, or otherwiſe, in any Net, or uſe any Barrel, Firkin, Kilderkin, Cask, Wherry or other Device, other than what is hereby allowed; or ſhall fiſh from *Good-Friday* unto *Bartholomew-Tide* yearly, betwixt *London-Bridge*, and *Graveſend*, with any Net under two Inches and a Half in the *Meſh*, and that *Bobs* ſhall be baited by *Hebbermen*, either with *Plaice* or *Flounders*; and that no Perſon ſhall uſe above four *Bobs* at a Time. And that no *Hebberman* ſhall work any higher for *Whitings* than *Barking-Creek*, or ſhall work there with any Manner of Nets, for *Whitings* of leſſer Size than full Inch and a Half wide, wet and dry, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

37. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh above *Hall Haven*, on the North-Side, and *Horſing* on the South-Side, with any Net for *Soles* under three Inches in the upper Part, and two Inches and a Half in the Cod, (which Cod ſhall be two Yards long, and no more) and that no Perſon ſhall work in *Tilbury-Hope* after *Michaelmas-Day*, with any Manner of Net, for *Plaice*, under three Inches wide, all the Net over; or come at any Time upon any *Trayle* with any other Net, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

38. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall pitch, ſet, or erect any *Riff-Hedge* or *Half-Net* upon the Stakes, or otherwiſe, within the full Sea, or Low Water in any Place or Places, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

39. *Item*, That no *Drag-Net*, or other Net, ſhall at any Time of the Year be brought to or landed on any Shore of the River *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, (except *Salmon-Nets*, *Shad-Nets* and *Smelt-Nets*, of the Dimenſions hereby allowed, and during the Seaſon and in the Stations hereby allowed for fiſhing for *Salmon*, *Shads* and *Smelts*) under Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

40. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall, by any Device, Ways or Means, wilfully take, deſtroy, or ſpoil, any Spawn, Fry, or Brood of Fiſh, or Spat of *Oyſters*, under Penalty of forfeiting and paying *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

41. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall wilfully take or catch any Fiſh out of Seaſon, or during the Time or Seaſon of Spawning, under Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

42. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall knowingly, have in his Cuſtody, or cry, carry about, or expoſe to, or for Sale, on any Part of the River *Thames*, or in the Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or in the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or the Liberties thereof, or in the Counties of *Middleſex*, *Surry*, *Eſſex*, and *Kent*, or any of them, any Fiſh out of Seaſon, or any Spawn, Fry, or Brood of *Thames* Fiſh, or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, or Spat of *Oyſters*, or any *Thames* Fiſh, or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, under the Dimenſions or Size allowed by the Orders hereby made; or ſhall ſell or expoſe to, or for Sale, any *Thames Smelts* (except only in the Seaſon in which the

ſame are hereby allowed to be caught) or ſhall knowingly ſell or expoſe to or for Sale, at any Time of the Year, any unwholeſome, unſeaſonable, or unſizeable *Thames* Fiſh; or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, under Penalty to forfeit the ſame to any Perſon who will make Seizure thereof (and which any Perſon is hereby authorized to do, and to bring the Offender before a Magiſtrate) and alſo under Pain to forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence, *Five Pounds*.

43. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall, on the River *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or in any Part of the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Liberties thereof, or in the ſaid Counties of *Middleſex*, *Surry*, *Eſſex*, or *Kent*, or any of them, knowingly buy, or accept of, or take, by Way of Gift, Exchange, or otherwiſe, any unwholeſome *Thames* Fiſh, or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, or any *Thames* Fiſh, or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, out of Seaſon, or any Spawn, Fry, or Brood of *Thames* Fiſh or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, or Spat of *Oyſters*, or any Kind or Sort of *Thames* Fiſh, or Fiſh of the Waters of *Medway*, under the Dimenſion or Size the ſame reſpectively are allowed to be taken

by the Orders above-mentioned, under the Penalty to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every Offence.

44. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh with any Sort of Net, Weel, Night Hook, or any other Device, except by Angling, in, or make uſe of any Net, Engine or Device to drive the Fiſh out of, any Place which ſhall be ſtaked by Order of the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City of *London* for the Time being, as Conſervator as aforeſaid, for the Preſervation of the Fiſhery, and whereof Notice ſhall be ſtuck up in ſome Public Place of the Town or Village next adjoining to the Place or Places ſo ordered to be ſtaked, and that no Perſon ſhall take up, or remove, any Stake, Burr, Boat or any other Thing, which ſhall have been driven down or ſunk in any ſuch Place as aforeſaid; upon Pain to forfeit and pay from Time to Time, the Sum of *Five Pounds* for every Offence on Breach of any Part of this Order.

45. *Item*, That all Perſons who take *Shads* in *Shadding-time*, ſhall obſerve and keep their true Orders for ſhooting at a Droves length off from one another, under the Pain to forfeit and pay *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

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46. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall Band or uſe the Trade of Banding, at any Time of the Year, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

47. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall put down at the Mouth of any Creek, River, or Back-Water, growing out of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, or communicating therewith, or running into the ſaid River or Waters, or at any Mill or Sluice within the ſaid Juriſdiction, any *Frame-Net*, *Hoop-Net*, or *Purſe-Net*, or any Weel or Device whatſoever, to ſtop, catch, or hinder the Fiſh, or Spawn, or Fry of Fiſh, from coming into the ſaid River of *Thames*, and Waters of *Medway*; upon Pain to forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

48. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall catch or expoſe to Sale any Lobſter, that ſhall be of any leſs Size than Nine Inches whole Ware, and Eight Inches half Ware, to be reckoned from the Snout to the Middle Fin of the Tail, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

49. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall uſe any *Kettle-Net* for *Plaice*, but what ſhall be four Inches

Inches *Meſh* in the Arms, and three Inches and a Half in the *Cod*, and that no *Summer-Kettles* ſhall be uſed by any Perſon, upon Pain to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

50. *Item*, That on every Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, in which from the 1ſt Day of *November*, 1785, any Perſon ſhall fiſh, or which ſhall be uſed or employed in or for taking, catching, or carrying of Fiſh within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, there ſhall within Twenty-one Days after the ſaid 1ſt Day of *November*, 1785, be painted and be and remain thereon in large legible Characters, and in ſome convenient and conſpicuous Place or Part of every ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, the real Chriſtian and Sirname of the Owner or Owners of every ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, and alſo the Name of the Pariſh or Place in which every ſuch Owner or Owners ſhall dwell or reſide, and ſo as any one out of ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, may from Time to Time, find out, read, and ſee the ſame, and therefrom diſcover in whoſe Boat Veſſel, or Craft, any Offence in Breach of any of the Orders hereby made ſhall be committed, under Pain to forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence or Omiſſion, the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

52. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall fiſh in, or make uſe of in or for Fiſhing, in or upon the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, any Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, on which after the Expiration of Twenty-one Days from the ſaid 1ſt Day of *November*, the Name of the real Owner or Owners thereof; and the Place of his, her, or their uſual Abode, or Reſidence, ſhall not be painted in large and legible Characters, and ſo as to be ſeen and read eaſily by any Perſon out of ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft; and that every time the Property of any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, ſhall be in any wiſe altered, the new Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, ſhall, within ſeven Days then afterwards, cauſe the Name and Place of Abode of the former Proprietor thereof, to be obliterated therefrom, and the real Chriſtian and Sirname and Place of Abode of the new Owner or Owners thereof to be painted, and remain thereon, in legible and large Characters, in ſome convenient and conſpicuous Place of every ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, where any one out of ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, may ſee and read the ſame; and that every time the Owner of any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, ſhall leave the Pariſh or Place marked for his Place of Abode on any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, and go to live or reſide

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in any other Pariſh or Place, he ſhall within ſeven Days after leaving his other Pariſh, or Place of Abode, cauſe to be painted in large and legible Characters, in his Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, the Name of the new Pariſh, or Place into which he hath ſo removed, and ſo as any one who ſhall be out of ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, may eaſily ſee and read the ſame; and that no Perſon ſhall ſuffer any falſe Name or Place of Abode, to be or remain in or on his Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, under the Penalty to forfeit and pay *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

52. *Item*, That no Perſon ſhall wilfully alter or deface any Name, or Place of Abode, which ſhall be painted in or on any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, except for inſerting the Name or Names and Place of Abode of the new Owner, or Owners thereof, on the Alteration of the Property of any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, or for inſerting the new Place of Abode of the Owner of any ſuch Veſſel, or Craft, who ſhall change his Abode, upon Pain to forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

53. *Item*, That if the Owner of any ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, which ſhall be marked

as hereby is directed, his Servant or Agent, ſhall lend or let out for Hire, or otherwiſe, his Boat, Veſſel, or Craft, to any other Perſon, or ſuffer the ſame to be uſed for, or about Fiſhing, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, by any other Perſon, the Owner or Owners of every ſuch Boat, Veſſel, or Craft which ſhall be ſo lent or let out, ſhall be anſwerable for, and liable to pay all Money as ſhall be forfeited by the Breach of any of the Orders hereby made, by the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall uſe or occupy any ſuch Boat, Veſſel or Craft, which ſhall be ſo lent or let out, or uſed for fiſhing, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, if the Offender or Offenders, guilty of any ſuch Breach thereof, ſhall not be diſcovered and brought before a Magiſtrate, within ſeven Days after Complaint made againſt him, or them, for any Breach thereof, and ſhall not on his or their Conviction, pay down the Money which ſhall be forfeited by him or them, under the Penalty to forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

54. *Item*, That all Nets, Engines and Devices, which ſhall be in the Poſſeſſion of any Perſon, upon or near adjoining to the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within

within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or which ſhall be made uſe of for taking or catching of Fiſh, not being of *legal Size* or *Meſh*, or allowed of by the Orders now made by this Court, or by the Statutes now in Force concerning the ſame, ſhall be deemed unlawful Nets, Engines, and Devices, for taking of Fiſh in the ſaid River or Waters, and as ſuch may be ſeized in any Place, upon or near adjoining to the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, by any Perſon, and carried before the Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman of *London*, or any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City, Diviſion, or Place wherein the ſame ſhall be found or ſeized; and if the ſame on Inſpection or Examination by the ſaid Mayor, Recorder, or any Alderman, or ſuch Juſtice, ſhall be deemed an unlawful or unſizeable Net or Nets, or unlawful Engines or Devices for taking of Fiſh, the ſaid Mayor, Recorder, Alderman or Juſtice, who ſhall adjudge the ſame to be an unlawful or unſizeable Net or Nets, or unlawful Engines or Devices for taking of Fiſh, ſhall cauſe the ſame, with all convenient Speed, then afterwards to be cut to Pieces, burnt, or otherwiſe effectually deſtroyed, in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Place, as he or they ſhall think fit; and any Perſon

who ſhall uſe or have in his Poſſeſſion any ſuch unlawful Net, Engine, or Device, ſhall forfeit and pay from Time to Time, the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

55. *Item*, That no Perſon after the ſaid firſt Day of *November*, 1785, ſhall have, or occupy, or fix up, drive down, or place, or cauſe to be fixed up, drove down, or placed in any Part of the ſaid River *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or on any Shore thereof, any Wear, Stank, Stop, or Hatch, for taking of Fiſh, or for fixing or placing therein any Weel, Reel, or other Device to take Fiſh in, or by Means thereof; or ſhall drive, put down, or place, or cauſe to be drove, put down, or placed, any Poſts, Stakes, or other Things, in any Part of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or on any Shore thereof, under Pretence to ſhelter or preſerve therein any Spawn, young Brood, or Fry thereof; or to prevent drawing or caſting any Net in any Part of the ſaid River or Waters, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, or on any other Account, or for any other Purpoſe, unleſs Leave in Writing ſhall have been firſt obtained for the doing thereof, from the Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being,

being, as Conſervator as aforeſaid, under his Hand, and for granting whereof if any Mayor of the ſaid City ſhall think proper, at any Time, to grant any ſuch Leave, no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity ſhall be paid or taken, upon Pain to forfeit and pay from Time to Time, the Sum of *Five Pounds* for every Offence in Breach of any Part of this Order.

56. *Item*, That after the ſaid firſt Day of *November*, 1785, no Perſon ſhall follow the Trade or Buſineſs of a *Fiſherman*, on the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Waters of *Medway*, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, and catch Fiſh for Sale, or to ſell, unleſs he hath been, or ſhall be brought up to the ſaid Buſineſs, or ſhall have ſerved an Apprenticeſhip, to or with ſome Perſon of the ſaid Trade or Buſineſs of a *Fiſherman*, upon Pain to forfeit and pay from Time to Time, the Sum of *Five Pounds* for every Offence in Breach of any Part of this Order.

57. *Item*, That the Mayor of the City of *London*, or any Juſtice of the Peace, before whom any Offender ſhall be brought, and ſhall be convicted for Breach of any of the Rules, Orders or Ordinances hereby made, ſhall, and may from Time to Time,

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as he ſhall ſee Occaſion, mitigate or remit any of the Penalties thereby inflicted, ſo as ſuch Mitigation does not extend to remit above one Half of the Penalty inflicted for any Offence committed; and every ſuch Mitigation ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the Perſon offending, for ſo much of the Penalty as ſhall be ſo mitigated or remitted; and all Penalties forfeited ſhall be recovered and go as by the ſaid Act of Parliament are directed: And in caſe of Default of paying the ſame, or if the ſame cannot be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods, every Offender is to be committed to Priſon, as by the ſaid Act is directed.

I have peruſed the above Rules, Orders, and Ordinances, and approve thereof.

Mansfield.

24 *October*, 1785.

I have peruſed the foregoing Rules, Orders, and Ordinances, and I do allow and approve thereof.

Loughborough.

22 *October*, 1785.